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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

The following reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2009. Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-12 and 14-24 remain pending for prosecution on the merits. Claims 25-27 have been added for prosecution on the merits. Reexamination and reconsideration of

the subject application are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to our deposit account No. 12-1155, including all required fees under: 37 C.F.R.

§1.16; 37 C.F.R. §1.17; 37 C.F.R. §1.18; 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

Also, enclosed herewith is a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals and Patent

Interferences.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page

2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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